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FOOD SITUATION - Madras Province - Report for the fortnight ending 15-10-1948 - Review - Papers recorded.

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NOTE FOR CIRCULATION.

Sub: Food situation - Madras Province - Report for the first fortnight of October 1948 - Review.

Ref: From the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) Ref.No.I.Dis. E.136572/48, dated 25-10-1948.

The report on the food situation in the Province for the fortnight ending 15-10-1948 at pp.2-6 c.f. and the enclosures to it at pp.7-24 c.f. may be perused.

Weather conditions and crop prospects:-

The rainfall during the fortnight was heavy in Vizagapatam district, moderate in East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Kurnool, Bellary, Anantapur, Nellore, Chittoor, North Arcot, Salem, South Kanara and the Nilgiris districts, fair in the districts of Guntur, Cuddapah, Chingleput, South Arcot, Coimbatore, Tiruchirapalli and Ramnad and light in the other districts of the Province.

Preparatory cultivation was delayed in Chittoor and North Arcot Districts and in parts of the districts of Coimbatore, Ramnad and Tirunelveli. Sowing has been suspended in North Arcot district and in parts of Anantapur, Cuddapah, Madura, Ramnad and Tirunelveli districts and transplantation held up in Chittoor and North Arcot districts and in parts of Cuddapah Nellore and Madura districts for want of adequate water-supply. Transplantation of paddy was proceeding in the districts of Vizagapatam, West Godavari, Coimbatore, Tiruchirapalli, Tanjore and Malabar and in parts of the districts of Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah, Nellore, South Arcot, Salem, Madura and South Kanara. Sowing of dry crops was proceeding in the districts of West Godavari and Bellary. Water supply was inadequate in the districts of Anantapur, Nellore, Chingleput, Chittoor, North Arcot, Coimbatore and Ramnad and in parts of the districts of Guntur, Bellary, Cuddapah, Salem, Tiruchirapalli, Madura, Tirunelveli and Tanjore.

The condition of the standing crops was generally fair in all the districts except paddy crops under tanks in Badvel and Rajampet taluks of the Cuddapah district and dry crops in parts of Chittoor, North Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore, Madura and Ramnad districts which are reported to be withering for want of rains. The cholam crop in Narasaraopet taluk of Guntur district is affected by pests. The rains from 18-10-1948 will, it is hoped, save these crops.

Harvest of paddy was proceeding in the districts of East Godavari, Anantapur, Chingleput, Coimbatore, Tiruchirapalli, Tanjore, Ramnad, Tirunelveli, and Malabar, of cholam in the districts of Anantapur and Tiruchirapalli, of cumbu in the districts of Nellore and Tiruchirapalli and of ragi in the districts of Anantapur, Nellore, Chingleput, Tiruchirapalli and the Nilgiris. The outturn of paddy and ragi was poor to normal and ~~xx~~ of cholam and cumbu poor to fair.

Stock and supply position:-

The stock position of foodgrains in the Province was as ~~follows~~ follows on 16-10-1948 when compared with the stock position on 9-10-1948.

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Foodgrains.	Stocks on 9-10-1948. In Tons.	Stocks on 16-10-1948. In Tons.
Rice	1,81,735	1,89,584
Wheat	8,999	8,976
Maida	2,724	3,399
Maize	9,946	9,117
Other Grains.	13,592	17,196

Rice:- All districts except Anantapur, Salem, and Tirunelveli have adequate stocks. Steps have been taken to replenish stocks in Salem and Tirunelveli. As regards Anantapur, adequate stocks have been stored there as Provincial Reserve and these will be allowed to be utilised in the event of an emergency.

Against the supply of 10,200 tons promised for the quarter October to December 1948, only 640 tons have so far been allotted, leaving a balance of 9,560 tons.

The following quantities were received during the fortnight:

	Tons.
From Orissa	1,238
From Eastern States	305
From Overseas	6,438
	7,981

Millets and Maize:- There were no receipts of millets or maize either from overseas or from other Provinces.

A quota of 1,000 tons of Australian millets is expected to be received at the end of October 1948.

367 tons of bajra allotted from the Datia State are not available now as the State refuses to allow its export owing to the damage to the Khariff crops on account of heavy rains.

Wheat and Wheat Products:-

There was no receipt of wheat during the fortnight under review.

A quantity of 1782 tons of semolina was received during the fortnight. These quantities are outside the basic plan.

Progress of Procurement:-

A quantity of 16,685 tons of rice was procured in the surplus districts and in the districts of Malabar and the Nilgiris during the fortnight ended 30-9-1948 as against 12,393 tons procured in the preceding fortnight. Procurement was satisfactory in the West Godavari District and was not so in the Malabar district. It was poor in Tanjore and Nellore districts.

Prices:

Statements relating to the prices of foodgrains, firewood, salt, edible oilseeds, oils and oilcakes may be perused at p.7-24 c.f.

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The case may be circulated to H.M.(Food), H.M.(P.W) and H.E. for perusal.

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- H.M.(Food)

H.E.

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To A.S.

The file has been seen in P.W.(I & P). The papers may now be recorded.

G.O.Ms.No.1031, Dated the 15th November 1948.

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